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(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government, after considering all requests and other inputs on the subject, has announced setting up of SPTF (Special Purpose Tea Fund) for funding the replantation and rejuvenation wherein 25% will be the subsidy from the Central Government, 25% owners' contribution and 50% loan from the SPTF.

MoU on intellectual property rights

898. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has signed any MoU with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on intellectual property,

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) How Government are responding to the concerns that the treaty , includes sensitive issues relating to I.PR policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) to (c) A memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on bilateral cooperation in the field of Intellectual Property Rights has been signed between the Office of the Controller General of Patents, Design and Trade Marks, Department of industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and industry and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce on 6th December, 2006. The MoU is limited to capacity building, human resource development and public awareness. It does not include any sensitive issues relating to Intellectual Property Rights such as policy, legislation or enforcement. A copy of the MoU is available on the official website of Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (www.dipp.nic.in).

Displacement of people due to SEZs

897. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state: